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The Democrat.

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Local and Personal News.

Ferguson pays cash for eggs.

Esra Ponder is laid up at home on the sick list with a bilious attack.

Hayes Malugen was here from the Bluff Wednesday shaking hands with friends.

Mrs. Kit Shewell and little son, Ruff are visiting relatives at Pitman this week.

John M. Camp was in town Wednesday from Varner township, looking after business matters.

The City has had new concrete crossing put in at the intersection of Walnut and Locust streets.

The postoffice and banks were closed last Tuesday—Memorial Day—that being a national holiday by law.

Sol, W. H. Richter is limping around on one foot, having a bad case of erysipelas in the big toe of his left foot.

Mrs. John Anderson is here from Leslie, Arkansas visiting her daughters Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Chester Pearce.

A new granitoid crossing has been put in at the intersection of Walnut and Washington streets, opposite the Lee plant.

Sol Wall, who has been at Farmington since last Thursday attending the funeral of his father-in-law, returned home Tuesday.

The stock paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Truby, last Monday night, and left them a piece new baby boy, their third child.

Bulk garden seed at Ferguson's.

Some sections of the country, especially to the northeast and east, have been visited by good rains this week, but west of the river and about this city there has been no appreciable rainfall.

P. J. Burford, wife and children returned Monday from a visit at their old home at Lutesville. Mr. Burford was checked into the I. M. office again and is now doing business at the old stand.

Mrs. Geo. E. Woodruff, who was called to Chicago last week by a telegram announcing the serious illness of her father, returned home the first of the week, the old gentleman being much better.

County assessor George Ponder began the work of assessing the county for the taxes for 1912 yesterday. He is to call on every individual property owner in the county and take his assessment this year. Be ready for him.

The brick for the Sol Wall building is being put on the ground this week, the kiln having been opened last Monday. They have some very nice brick from the kiln. Mr. Perry will begin making brick for another kiln right away.

Contractor L. B. Walker, who draw the plans and specifications for the Sol Wall building, and for the improvements on the Ripley county bank building, was in town this week looking after the progress of the work on these buildings.

The Ed Ferguson Mer. Co., are having a lot of new shirting put in, extending to the ceiling and will have guard rails and sliding steps arranged. When the job is completed there will be twice the amount of shelf room in the store than there formerly was.

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There are two cement block factories in operation in this town, and each gives employment to several hands. One is the Brown & Acreback plant located in the old Bell blacksmith building on Jefferson street, and the other is the Farmer plant in West Doniphan. Both plants are working every day and have orders enough ahead to keep them running all summer and fall.

Judge J. C. Sheppard and son Arnot, court stenographer, went to the Bluff Sunday to hold an adjourned term of circuit court, and try a large number of ditch cases. As there is a case pending in the supreme court, on which a decision is shortly expected, and this decision will affect, one way or the other, the many cases on the docket in Butler county, Judge Sheppard, after consultation with the attorneys interested in these cases, adjourned the term until after the decision of the supreme court, and came home Tuesday.

The Doniphan base ball club went to Maynard again last Saturday and played another game of ball with the club there. The Doniphan boys won, the score being 6 to 3, the game ending in the eighth inning through the Maynard club refusing to abide by the decision of the umpire, their own selection, in declaring a runner out who failed to touch the bases as he ran by them. The game throughout is said to have been the best one yet played by the two clubs. The battery for the Doniphan club was Richmond and Elder, and they held the Maynard boys down to four hits, the Maynard ball club is trying to arrange a game with the local aggregation, and that club is said to put up a decidedly fast exhibition.

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Morgan Denning, of Shirley township was in town Saturday transacting business.

Miss Alma Moore is taking a weeks vacation from her work at the Prospect-News office this week.

C. N. Cash, of Naylor, was here Wednesday, looking after a legal matter in which he is interested.

W. W. Spell, Democratic committeeman from Varner township, was in town Wednesday on business.

G. M. Patterson, of Burr, Democratic Committeeman of Union township, was in town Tuesday on business.

The Mutual Telephone Co., stockholders will hold their annual meeting today in the court house. A big meeting and a lively time is expected.

The little four-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Fulbright, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks in some better, and seems to be in a fair way to recover.

Frank Page, who has been here for the past two weeks visiting his parents returned to Little Rock, where he is employed in the I. M. freight office as car clerk, Tuesday.

County superintendent H. E. Braschler left Monday for Jefferson City to attend the state meeting of the county superintendents, which convened at Jefferson City Tuesday.

Wheat harvest will begin the coming week in this county. The hot, dry weather has had a tendency to ripen grain earlier than usual this year. The crop is reported very good.

L. C. Morgan and wife, who have been here for some weeks visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. P. Campbell and her family, started the first of the week, to their home at Rolla, Mo.

The basement walls for the new Ripley county bank building having been completed the past week, a force of men under charge of director Elmer Herrif, began tearing down the rear wall of the old bank building yesterday morning, temporary partitions having been put up in the interior of the room so they would not be open to the weather.

Conductor Tom Williams, wife and youngest daughter, arrived here Saturday last, from their home in St. Louis, on a visit to friends and to look after business matters. Mr. Williams still has to use a cane to get about and it will be some time before he can again take charge of a run on the I. M. It will be remembered that he was seriously injured in a wreck of the last fall, that occurred in St. Louis, several months ago, at a place nicknamed "Dead Man's curve." He was for some years a resident of this city when he had the run on the branch.

At the preliminary hearing of the case of the State against Jesse Merri-man, charged with assault by shooting at Bud Kennon, a week or ten days ago while Kennon was at work in a field near the house that Merri-man lived in, and which was brought to Justice Henderson's court in this city on a change of venue from Justice Fogle's court in Shirley township, and which was held at the court house last Saturday, the defendant was bound over to the circuit court under bond of \$500 which he gave. There were a large number of witnesses 28 in all, and a big crowd at the trial, most of them living in the neighborhood where the trouble occurred. Merri-man's side of the story is that he was shooting at a mark on a tree in his yard, and that he did not shoot at nor in the direction where Kennon was at work. Kennon claims that two shots were fired at him directly.

Will T. Chapman came in last Monday from Torreon, Mexico, on a visit, awaiting the quieting down of the feeling engendered in the war in Mexico. He is employed by an American corporation engaged in the manufacture of crude rubber from a plant that grows in that country, and the war has so disturbed business affairs there that the plant shut down for the time being and sent most of their American employes out of the country. Will came out as one of a party of five in a Red Cross automobile, as the railroads are torn up in that section of the country, some fierce fighting having occurred there, and especially at Torreon. He was in the town when it was assaulted and captured by the insurgents, and witnessed the fighting in the streets and the killing of the Chinese over two hundred of these people being killed, many of them lashed by the mounted insurgents and dragged along the streets and shot full of holes. In other instances the Chinese, in fighting back, would get out on the flat tops of the houses and throw dynamite bombs down into the crowded streets among the insurgents and thus kill and maim many of them. Two or three of the hardest fights of the war occurred at Torreon and he says he has had all he wants of the Mexican kind of war, and will be very glad when things settle down and his company can go to work again. On two or three occasions while going about the town he had a gun thrust in his face and was told to yell "Viva, Madero!" which he did without much parley, as the insurgents had a funny way of pulling the trigger of their guns unless the cry was given on their demand.

Commercial Club Meeting.

The newly organized Commercial Club held a meeting at the court house last Monday evening for the purpose of hearing reports of committees and transacting any other business that came before the body. There was a very good attendance and much interest shown in the proceedings. The president of the club, Dr. C. H. Martin, presided. There was some discussion on various topics, some interesting remarks being made, and the constitution was then read and discussed, an amendment or two suggested, and it was then adopted.

As this instrument provides for additional membership of the advisory board other than those already appointed, Messrs. W. A. Pearce and R. E. Lee were named as the new members. A treasurer also being provided for J. A. Thomas was chosen for that position.

The matter being discussed, a committee consisting of Messrs. Campbell, Unterberger, Vice Lee, Pulliam and W. A. Wilmore, were selected as a committee to arrange an award of prizes to be offered for the nearest kept premises in the corporation, and to select competent judges to award such prizes.

After discussion and on motion a committee consisting of A. C. Jones, Joe Dalton and S. H. Lawrence was named to call upon business houses and arrange for closing all places of business at 7 o'clock each night except Saturday night, the closing to begin June 1st, (last night), and continue until the first of September.

After some other matters were discussed the meeting adjourned until Thursday night, which is the regular meeting night of the Club, in accordance with the constitution and by-laws.

The club met last night agreeable to adjournment of the Monday night meeting there being a very good attendance, President Martin presiding.

The first business disposed of was the report of the committee on closing up business houses at 7 o'clock during the summer months. The chairman of the committee, A. C. Jones, made a report showing that every business house in town had signed the agreement except the drug stores and the lunch rooms and they were not asked to, as their business is of a nature that requires them to be open later than the general merchandising concerns. The report was accepted and the committee thanked for their promptness.

A committee previously appointed to arrange for luncheon at the Grand Avenue hotel reported that they had made definite plans; that tickets for the luncheon would be in the hands of the secretary until 12 o'clock the day preceding each luncheon. Tickets will be fifty cents each and any member of the club can secure tickets by calling on the secretary, Chas. Ferguson.

Mr. Unterberger suggested that some action be taken by the club looking to the repair of the high foot bridge crossing the bottom just south of the Roller mill, on the way to the river. The structure is dangerous and is condemned, and a notice warns all of its condition. The matter was discussed and Mr. Unterberger was named as a committee of one to see about repairing the structure and putting it in safe condition.

A petition signed by a large number of land owners along what is known as the lower Greenville road was read in which they pledged \$100 in work, at \$2.00 per day, and money, if the club would furnish a life sum of money and the county the same amount, to build a strip of road east of town and running out to Bethany church. The petition also asked that the city put the roadway along the spring branch at the foot of the hill on the northeast side of town in good condition. The matter was discussed generally, and favorable action decided upon, providing an expert could be secured to superintend the work, and in that view, Messrs. C. O. Borth, W. W. Martin and the Secretary were instructed to correspond with Congressman Russell to obtain the help of a government expert. W. W. Johnston and J. D. Gerlach were named as a committee to see members of the city council and arrange for the construction of a good road along the creek mentioned above. Judge John A. Pulliam, T. L. Wright and Jim Martin were appointed a committee to raise the fund asked for from the club. Sheriff Robinson, A. C. Jones and Joe Dalton were named as a committee to see the county court as to their assistance in the proposed improvement.

A motion was made and adopted that a committee of five be appointed to investigate and report upon the feasibility, cost of construction and ways and means of constructing a sewerage system in the city, Messrs. J. D. Gerlach, Dr. S. A. Proctor, Mayor A. J. Rouse, J. U. Swails and Dr. Robinson being named.

Some discussion followed on other matters, and the club then adjourned.

Tom McKinney, Democratic committeeman of Jordan Township, was in town Tuesday transacting business.

Elbert Daniels, an engineer on the Cotton Belt system, with a run from Pine Bluff to Texarkana, came up Saturday and remained over Sunday visiting his parents.

Rural Graduates.

The rural graduating exercises were held in the Presbyterian church last Saturday, instead of the court room, as a trial in justice court had to use that place. A regular program had been prepared and was rendered in regular order. There was a large crowd present and the first number on the program, after the invocation, was the declamatory contest, in which there were fourteen entrants, and while all were very good the judges, Revs. Ford and Alexander and J. P. Campbell, awarded the prizes as follows:

First prize, to Mattie Riley, of Cross Roads school, her title being, "The Pledge that Was."

Second prize, to May Cline, Ponder school, title, "Trouble in the Amen Corner."

Third prize, Leaffie Hudson, Postonk school, title, "Entertaining the Minister."

This closed the morning exercises, and at 1 o'clock the old-fashioned spelling match was staged. There were about twenty-five pupils entered for the race, and the church room was crowded. Dr. J. T. Redwine "gave out" the words, and in about thirty minutes or so the much larger number of those "standing up to spell" took their seats, having slipped out on comparatively easy words, many of them getting the letters all in the word but not placing them right. In short order the class dropped to eight, six girls and two boys. Four of the night, all girls, were bowled out one after the other, on the words "Louisiana," "Philippine" and "Villainous," leaving two boys and two girls to fight it out, the girls being Mayne O'Neal and Nola Denning of Gatewood, and the boys DeWitt Fogle of Briar Creek and Alma Sharp of Pratt. It then took nearly half an hour to floor another speller, and young Fogle was victimized on the word "counsel." Another half hour was required to dislodge one of the three, and Miss O'Neal was the victim, going down on the word "salvas." Then began an endurance contest between the Doctor and the spellers, and he hunted the hardest words in the language to butt one or the other off the plank, but they held on tenaciously. They both fell down on the name of the old historical city in the ancient kingdom of Germany—"Leipzig"—though the famous Napoleonic battle and all the maps of the modern world spell it Leipzig. As they both lost out on that it was decided they should continue until one or the other went out, and after a long struggle the young man, Alma Sharp, was reduced on "reducible." For awhile it looked as if there was not a word in the English or any other language that they couldn't spell. Miss Denning was given the first prize, Mr. Sharp the second, and Miss O'Neal the third.

The first prize in each contest consisted of gold medals; the second prize of silver medals, and the third prize of books, the prizes being the offerings of the Teachers Association of the county.

The following were the graduates and the schools from which they came:

District No. 7, Bennett school—Velma Whitwell, Ila Moore and Pearl Gordon.
District No. 19, Wells Creek school—Raymond Sanders and Frank Worley.
District No. 29, Pine Bluff school—Emma and Winifred O'Neal.
District No. 30, Matthews school—Luther Thomas.
District No. 33, Shirley school—Raymond Eldridge.
District No. 36, Uphaw school—Ollie Hatfield.
District No. 41, Orly school—Elbert Adams.
District No. 47, Barkadora school—Harley Sipes, Ralph Johnson and Amanda Tschudin.
District No. 51, Ponder school—May Cline, Ocie Orvis, May Smithson and Byrdie Edwards.
District No. 52, Union school—Wiseman Smith.
District No. 53, Postonk school—Mellie and Leaffie Hudson.
District No. 54, Gatewood school—Opal Clary, Cecil Holland, Mayne O'Neal and Nola Denning.
District No. 55, Greenwood school—Beatrice Carrio and Gertrude Osborne.
District No. 56, Cross Roads school—Corwin McKaven, Mattie Riley and Martha Kline.
District No. 57, Taylor school—Loy Deem.

The diplomas were awarded by Superintendent Braschler, and his remarks on presentation were suitable and to the point. He urged all pupils to earnest effort and hard work and assured them that with this endeavor, properly applied, success would crown their desires.

Commencement Exercises William Jewell College.

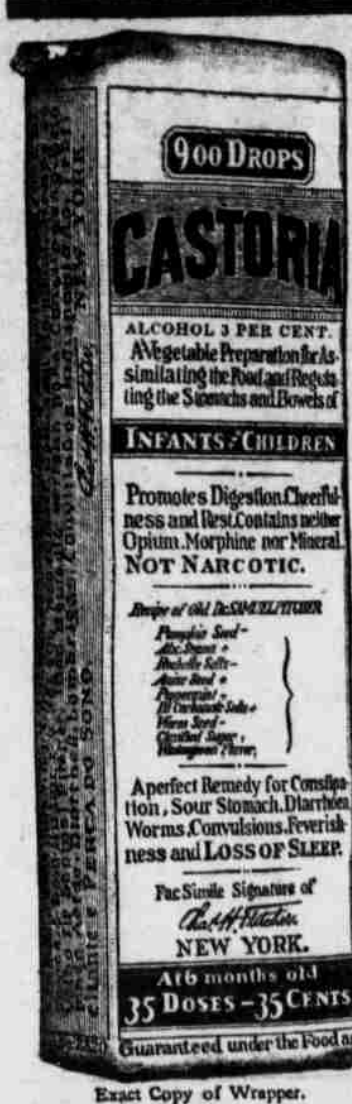
Baccalaureate Sermon by President Greene, Sunday, June 4th, 11 a.m.
Address before the Board of Ministerial Education, by Dr. Donald D. Munro, Sunday, June 4th, 8 p.m.

Address before the Literary Societies, Monday, June 5th, 10:30 a.m., college chapel.

Alumni Address, by Rev. H. B. Robins, Tuesday, June 6th, 10:30 a.m., college chapel.

Graduating exercises and close of the college session, Wednesday, June 7th, 10:30 a.m., college chapel.

Mrs. Mary Pratt-Harrington of Carterville, Mo., arrived here last Saturday on a visit to relatives and old friends.



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Boy Drowned.

A 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Skibiak was drowned in the river at a point below Harmon's mill, where the boys have a habit of going in swimming. A party of boys, five or six in number, went to the river and went in swimming last Sunday morning about 9 o'clock. The water is quite deep at the place they went in and some of them began swimming across, back and forth, and the boys with him said he was making his third attempt to cross when they noticed that he was sinking and some of them went to his aid, but he struggled so hard that they were afraid, and after helping him nearly to shore, had to release him to save themselves. The body was recovered in about an hour and a quarter after it sunk by Chester Doherty, and Dr. Hume, assisted by Dr. Richmond, worked hard, but unavailingly, to restore life. The funeral was held Monday and the body interred at the Catholic cemetery east of town. This sad affair occurred nearly in the same place that J. H. Green, who was drowned in a like manner about two years ago, lost his life.

Miss Adah Ponder went to Marcelle, Arkansas, last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank Miller.

Jim Merrill, who is traveling for the International Harvester Co., came home last Saturday and remained over Sunday.

Allen Forrest was called to Weldon, Illinois, Wednesday, by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his son who is employed on a farm at that place.

D. P. Gregory is having a new veranda built around the south front and west side of his residence at the corner of East Locust and Vine streets this week.

Harry Thaxton, of Bennett, Democratic committeeman of Kelley township was here the first of the week. He had just finished cutting six acres of alfalfa and had about 20 acres more to cut.

Miss Inez Ponder, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Ponder, left last Monday for St. Louis where she will enter the Missouri Baptist Sanatorium and begin the study of the nurse's course.

The ladies of the Christian church are arranging for an excursion up the river next Tuesday, to Comars Landing on the "City of Doniphan." They expect a crowd and to have a good time, for it won't be their fault if they do not.

Mrs. Mattie Otey, who had been here for the past week or ten days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McGee of east Locust street, started enroute to her home at Neiber, Kentucky, Wednesday. She intended stopping for a day or two at the Bluff to visit her sisters living there.

The long shed-room adjoining the old frame opera house building on Washington street, and for several years past used by the Borth Mercantile Co. as a warehouse, fell down last Saturday and is a total wreck. The building stood on piles about five feet high, and it has principally been used to store cement and salt in, both rather weighty articles. A car-load of cement had been unloaded into the building during the week and only a part of it used out when the building fell. The building will not be rebuilt as the Borth Co. are figuring on building a large brick warehouse and storeroom building on their lot there and may begin work upon the new structure shortly.

Miss Eleanor Proctor went over to the Cape Monday to visit her sister, Miss Olive, who is attending school there.

Cashier J. D. Gerlach, who had been at Kansas City last week attending the State Bankers Association meeting, came home last Saturday.

Tom Thannish and wife, who have been here for the past three weeks visiting relatives and friends leave today for their home at Fort Worth, Texas.

Circuit Clerk Charlie Booker is able to get about again without the aid of a crutch, his knee, injured in the Doniphan-Maynard ball game played here two weeks ago, being about all right again.

A Peek Into His Pocket.

would disclose the box of Buerens' anisee salve that E. S. Loper a carpenter of Marilla, N. Y. always carries. "I have never had a cut, wound, bruise or sore it would not soon heal," he writes. Greatly healed of burns, boils, scalds, chapped hands and lips, fever-sores, skin eruptions, eczema, corns and piles. 25c at Johnstons Pharmacy.

Shoe and Repair Shop.

I have opened a shoe and repair shop in the iron building at the corner of Washington street and the court house square. Will repair shoes, mend umbrellas, sharpen saws, and do other jobs of the kind. Give me a call when you need anything in these lines.

A. W. PARKS.

Dead Letter List.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Doniphan, Mo. postoffice, June 2, 1911, and if not called for within 30 days will be sent to the dead letter office at Washington, D. C.:

Willie Belchue	Mrs. Luay Flint
Toumie Fry	Emma Patterson
Sam Peoples	Mary C. Young
Chas. Ponder	Mrs. Elma Sullivan

Rev. Wm. Also Ashley
Parties calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

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ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special report to Ripley County Democrat
National Stock Yards, Ill., May 30.
Cattle receipts 4,000. Good cattle steady; top heifers \$8.00; top steers \$6.25; medium killers slow. All kinds selling practically the same as a week ago. Outlook steady to strong balance of the week.
Hog receipts 16,000. Market 10c lower but active as the decline. Bulk of all the hogs \$5.55 to \$6.10. Present demand very good. Outlook steady under liberal receipts. Outlook weak.
Sheep receipts 8,000. Lambs steady; best spring lambs \$7.25; clipped lambs \$6.25. Sheep 15c lower; top \$4.00. A good number of good muttons selling at \$3.75 to \$3.90. Outlook weak.
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